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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

> OFFICE OF THE CLERK. House of Representatives, Washington, DC, June 23, 2017.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,

Speaker, House of Representatives. Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a scanned copy of a letter received from The Honorable Nathan Deal, Governor, the State of Georgia, indicating that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held June 20, 2017, the Honorable Karen Handel was elected Representative to Congress for the Sixth Congressional District of Georgia.

With best wishes, I am. Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

STATE OF GEORGIA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, Atlanta, GA, June 21, 2017.

Hon. KAREN L. HAAS, Clerk, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. HAAS: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, for Representative in Congress from the Sixth Congressional District of Georgia, show that Karen Handel received 134,595 or 51,87% of the total number of votes cast for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Karen Handel was elected as Representative in Congress from the Sixth Congressional District of Georgia.

To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this elec-

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by all counties/precincts involved, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law

Sincerely.

NATHAN DEAL, Governor.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

> OFFICE OF THE CLERK, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Washington, DC, June 22, 2017.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,

Speaker, House of Representatives,

Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a scanned copy of a letter received from Ms. Marci Andino, Executive Director, South Carolina Election Commission, indicating that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held June 20, 2017, the Honorable Ralph Norman was elected Representative to Congress for the Fifth Congressional District of South Carolina.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTION COMMISSION, Columbia, SC, June 22, 2017.

KAREN L. HAAS.

Hon. KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk, House of Representatives,

Washington, DC.

DEAR Ms. HAAS: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, for Representative in Congress from the Fifth Congressional District of South Carolina, show that Ralph Norman received 44,906 votes or 51.1% of the total number of votes cast for that of-

It would appear from these unofficial results that Ralph Norman was elected as Representative in Congress from the Fifth Congressional District of South Carolina.

To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this elec-

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by all counties involved and the State Board of Canvassers certifies the official results, a certification of the official results will be prepared and transmitted to the S.C. Secretary of State as required by law.

Sincerely.

MARCI ANDINO. Executive Director.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE KAREN C. HANDEL, OF GEORGIA. AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentlewoman from Georgia, the Honorable Karen C. Handel, be permitted to the oath of office today.

Her certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to her election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE RALPH NORMAN, $_{
m OF}$ SOUTH CAROLINA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from South Carolina, the Honorable Ralph Norman, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from South Carolina?

There was no objection.

SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS-ELECT

The SPEAKER. Will the Representatives-elect please present themselves in the well.

The Representatives-elect will please raise their right hand.

Mrs. HANDEL of Georgia, and Mr. NORMAN of South Carolina appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now Members of the 115th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE KAREN HANDEL TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LEWIS) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to welcome the newest member of the Georgia congressional delegation, Representative KAREN HANDEL, serving the Sixth Congressional District in our beautiful State.

I want to congratulate KAREN on becoming the first Republican woman ever elected to the House of Representatives from the State of Georgia. She was actually born in the District of Columbia, and was raised in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. So she is returning home.

She was president and CEO of the Greater Fulton County Georgia Chamber of Commerce, Deputy Chief of Staff to then-Governor and now Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue, chairman of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, and Secretary of State of Geor-